

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully seeks to amend the priority claim to the present application to delete reference to previously filed applications. The deleted paragraph was introduced by way of amendment filed in October 2002. The priority claim is being deleted solely to extend and maximize patent term and not for reasons related to patentability.

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and has been filed concurrently with a petition to withdraw from issuance (copy attached as Exhibit A).

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that any fees are due, applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 referencing docket no. 30899/40642.

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